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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Secretary,

Enclosed is an original and four copies of a Petition for Rule Making to amend the FM table of allotments for a new FM broadcast station for Superior, Montana.

Sincerely,



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In the matter of:)
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Amendment of Section 73.202 (b))
) RM-_____
Table of Allotments)
)
FM Broadcast Stations)
)
(Superior, Montana)

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

In this petition, Mountain Tower Broadcasting is hereby requesting to allot channel 298A (107.5 Mhz) to Superior, Montana as its first local FM allotment.

INTRODUCTION

1. This statement is a petition for rule making to allot FM channel 298A (107.5 Mhz) to Superior, Montana and add it to the Commission's FM table of allotments, 73.202. The following will show the need for an FM channel and the effects the allotment of Channel 298A to Superior will have.

DISCUSSION

2. Superior is located in west central Montana. It is also located within Mineral County, a county of some 3,315 persons. Superior has a population of 881 persons in accordance with the U.S. 1990 census.

3. The allotment of channel 298A to Superior will provide the first local broadcast facility to the community and/or the surrounding area. The closest FM allotment to Superior is located at Missoula, Montana. Missoula is located 80 kilometers from Superior.

It is obvious that from the above spacing that Superior is presently without local FM service.

4. Superior would greatly benefit from an FM allotment due to the fact there is no AM or FM broadcast facilities within 80 Kilometers of Superior. Because of this, it would have an outlet for local self expression. Health and safety for the community would be increased due to having a local communications outlet for warning the Superior area of emergency conditions caused by severe weather or other health hazards.

5. Channel 298A can be allotted to Superior and meet all rules and requirements of the Commission. The instant proposal will not cause a change in the channel number or a deletion of any channel now appearing in the Commission's table of allotments 73.202.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Superior, Montana	-----	298A

6. In accordance with 73.207 of the Commission's rules, "Minimum Distance Separations between Stations", all allotments on Channel 298A and the pertinent adjacent channels to 298A have been studied with the results listed in Figure 1 of this petition. The geographic coordinates used for the spacing

Study (N 47 - 11' - 30", W. 114 - 53' - 30") are that of a site located within the community of Superior. No site restriction will be required to allot channel 298A to Superior. Many suitable transmitter sites are available to provide city grade coverage (3.16 mv/m or 70 dbu) to the entire community of Superior. These sites would also provide full minimum spacing requirements to other allotments.

CONCLUSION

7. It has been shown that Superior would benefit from the allotment of channel 298A. It has also been shown that channel 298A can be allotted to Superior and meet all rules regarding spacing from other stations. Considering these two facts, Mountain Tower Broadcasting hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the Table of Allotments to include channel 298A for Superior, Montana , 73.202.

8. Should channel 298A be allotted to Superior, Montana, I certify that I will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate an FM station for Superior, Montana.

CERTIFICATION

9. I certify that I have prepared or directly supervised the preparation of this entire Petition for Rule Making, and that the facts contained within are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, accurate and true.

Dated: January 12, 1997

Respectfully submitted,



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MAPFM search of channel 298A6 (107.5 MHz), at N. 47 11 30, W. 114 53 30.

Searching Channel 298A6 (107.5 MHz):

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
ALC	Lewiston	ID	295	C	U	182.9	95.0	243.6°	87.9
KMOK	Lewiston	ID	295	C	L	182.9	95.0	243.6°	87.9
ALC	Great Falls	MT	297	C	V	274.7	165.0	82.8°	109.7
NEW	Great Falls	MT	297	C	A	253.6	165.0	81.6°	88.6
NEW	Great Falls	MT	297	C	A	276.9	165.0	82.0°	111.9
NEW	Great Falls	MT	297	C	A	294.2	165.0	90.7°	129.2
NEW	Great Falls	MT	297	C	A	294.2	165.0	90.7°	129.2
ALC	Cranbrook	BC	298	A		257.9	180.0	347.8°	77.9
CILAFM	Lethbridge	AB	299	C		316.7	195.0	26.8°	121.7
ALC	Spokane	WA	300	C	U	170.8	95.0	284.3°	75.8
KMBIFM	Spokane	WA	300	C	L	170.8	95.0	284.3°	75.8

FIGURE 1
CHANNEL STUDY
SUPERIOR, MONTANA
CHANNEL 298A

SUPERIOR QUADRANGLE
MONTANA-MINERAL CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

